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Amendments to the Claims:

Kindly amend the claims in accordance with the following claim set.

Claims 1-41 (Previously Canceled)

42. (Previously Presented): An extended textile reinforcement layer for hoses, tubes and similar extended objects, characterized in that said textile reinforcement layer comprises a stiffening selected from the group of individual threads, individual yarns and a textile product, said stiffening forming a textile bond with the reinforcement layer, said stiffening at normal temperatures will act as a stiffener of the reinforcement layer in a direction different from the longitudinal axis of said textile reinforcement layer to be stiffened, particularly in a substantially perpendicular direction to the longitudinal axis of said hose, tube or similar extended object to be reinforced, and wherein said stiffening material has a first melting point which is lower than a second melting point of the reinforcement layer.

43. (Previously Presented): The extended textile reinforcement layer of claim 42, wherein said stiffening consists of individual threads or yarns.

44. (Previously Presented): The extended textile reinforcement layer of claim 42, wherein said stiffening consists of a textile product.

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45. (Previously Presented): The extended textile reinforcement layer of claim 44, wherein said textile product is selected from the group consisting of a fabric, knitted fabric, knit, double knit and a fleece.

Claims 46-49 (Canceled)